



Dear Lewis Parent,

Re: Turnaround of Lewis Elementary School by AUSL

As you may know, the Chicago Board of Education has approved CPS's proposal that Lewis Elementary School be turned around by the Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). As the first step in this transition, we at AUSL would like to invite you and your family to learn more about the turnaround process.

Lewis will not be closing, it will remain a Chicago Public School, and returning students do not have to re-enroll. All children will be warmly welcomed back to the same building in the fall.

AUSL is a nonprofit organization with a proven track record of improving student achievement in Chicago. We work hard with all students to help them realize their full potential.

- AUSL turnaround elementary schools, on average, have doubled CPS growth on the ISAT since our first turnaround opened in 2006.
- AUSL works with families, students, and community members to provide all children with a quality education that will prepare them for college and career.
- We also provide many afterschool activities, and supports for students' social and emotional care.

We invite you to learn more about AUSL and see a turnaround school in action at Howe School of Excellence, located at 720 N Lorel Ave., on **Thursday, June 6th**. You will meet with Howe staff, parents, and students and hear about the amazing transformation that has taken place at Howe since it was turned around. A bus will leave from Lewis Elementary at **9:15 AM** and return to Lewis at approximately **11:30 AM**. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

The enclosed "Every Child" brochure describes the turnaround process, includes comments from students and parents, and provides AUSL school results. Please visit auslchicago.org/schools/process to hear from parents about their experience with an AUSL turnaround school.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th. If you have any questions about visiting Howe, please contact our office at 773-534-0129.

Sincerely,

Tosha Downey
Director of Parent and Community Engagement



See Our Schools

EXPERIENCE AN AUSL TURNAROUND

UNDERSTAND

the AUSL
turnaround
process

HEAR

from a principal
about an
AUSL school

LISTEN

to parents and
students share
their turnaround
experience

FEEL

the climate and
culture as you tour
an AUSL school and
visit classrooms

Thursday, June 6
9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Howe School of Excellence
720 North Lorel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Transportation will depart Lewis Elementary School at 9:15 a.m.
To RSVP or for more information, contact AUSL at 773-534-0129

Can't make it?

Hear from our families and students: auslchicago.org/schools/process

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